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ABC Visits 12 Locations and Two Sell Alcohol to a Minor

Thousand Oaks and Camarillo (Ventura County) - Investigators of the California Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) have cited two individuals for selling alcohol to a minor during a December 29, 2008 enforcement operation. The actions were the result of a compliance check operation in which minors under the direct supervision of investigators, attempted to purchase alcohol from 12 retail licensees in the cities of Thousand Oaks and Camarillo.

Those who sold to a minor face a minimum fine of \$250, and/or 24 to 32 hours of community service for a first violation. In addition, ABC will take administrative action against the alcoholic beverage licenses of the locations where alcohol was sold to a minor. That may include a fine, a suspension of the liquor license, or the permanent revocation of the license.

ABC is conducting the compliance checks statewide to reduce the availability of alcohol to minors. Minor Decoy operations have been conducted by local law enforcement throughout the state since the 1980's.

In 1994, the California Supreme Court ruled unanimously that use of underage decoys is a valid tool of law enforcement to ensure that liquor licensees are complying with the law.

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